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NOTES AND NEWS

The distinguished Spanish novelist, Señor Don Vicente Blasco Ibañez, who has been visiting in the United States since last November, lecturing before large and enthusiastic audiences in colleges, universities, and other places, will soon sail for Europe. On his way to the Pacific Coast he lectured at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and visited Santa Fé and the Grand Canyon. In California he visited various missions, the Universities of California and Stanford, giving also various lectures. Señor Blasco Ibáñez proposes to write at least four novels inspired in our country. These will have as their chief places of action, New York, New Mexico and Colorado, California, and the country as a whole, respectively. A few weeks ago our distinguished friend was honored with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by George Washington University. The ceremony took place on the 22nd of February, Señor Blasco Ibáñez, General John J. Pershing, and Mr. Herbert Hoover being the three men honored on that occasion by George Washington University.

Professor E. C. Hills of the University of Indiana, well-known Hispanist and scholar, has just been elected a corresponding member of the Royal Spanish Academy. The honor conferred upon Professor Hills is the greatest distinction given by the Royal Spanish Academy to Spanish scholars in foreign countries.

Mr. Lawrence A. Wilkins, president of *The American Association of Teachers of Spanish,* has been appointed Director of Modern Languages in the High Schools of New York, a position which has just been established by the Board of Education.

Professor Carlos Bransby, of the Department of Spanish of the University of California, has been appointed consul ad honorem of Colombia at Berkeley by Marco Fidel Suarez, president of Colombia. Professor Bransby has had an extensive academic career. A native Colombian, he started his education there, coming to this country to complete a course at Lafayette College. Professor Bransby has written many Spanish works in addition to his numerous translations into English of original Spanish books.

Mateo A. de Molina, formerly Assistant Professor in Texan Christian University, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Spanish at the University of Missouri.

There has been established at Madrid an Asociación Internacional de Bibliografía Pedagógica. The official organ of the A. I. de B. P. is the *Año Pedagógico Hispano-americano,* published in Madrid by Señor Rufino Blanco y Sánchez.